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Levin et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, please consider the remarks and enter the amendments below. Submitted herewith is (1) a Petition for an extension of time for one (1) month up to and including May 21, 2003 with fee by credit card, (2) a computer-readable and paper copy of the corrected sequence listing, (3) a copy of article entitled "A Gene Encoding an RNase D Exonuclease-like Protein is Required for Posttranscriptional Silencing in Arabidopsis" as Exhibit A; and (4) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with References and fee.

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